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Dear Sir or Madam:

I think that TV violence should be able to run on N.V. These channels should be shown at night when children are asleep. We should see more violence than younger children.

The V chip was a good idea yet it is a bit excessive. The TV channels with this material. Teenagers should be able to see violent scenes than younger children.

The rating was a good idea yet it is a bit excessive. The rating should be used in the TV guide.

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before the show was  
~~at~~ on the air.

Sincerely,  
Ajay Thomas  
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Dear Federal Communications Commission:

I am writing about the television ratings and the idea of taking violent shows off the media. I think that this is a bad idea because even if you take violence off the T.V. shows, you're still going to have it on the news. Also, the events that are discussed on the news are often much worse and more tragic than what is on T.V. shows. And the news is not even rated!

So I think that it is pointless to take the violence off T.V. shows that need it for action and entertainment if it is still going to be on television anyway.

Sincerely,

*Mike Carluzzo*

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I'm writing you to ask why you are suddenly putting ratings on TV shows. It's annoying the little ratings in the corner, I think it distracts your attention, and it keeps some kids from now watch their favorite show that they've been watching for years.

I say you should get rid of the ratings, and if you think we need them, then you should just put messages before shows saying its not real, or not to try and react. Then we would all be satisfied

Sincerely

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Dear FCC,

We appreciate the opportunity to file this formal comment concerning the ratings system recently implemented by the television industry.

It is our view that the age-based system that has been adopted by the television industry is not adequate to accomplish the goal for which it was implemented. There are several ways that an age-based system fails, and we would like to draw your attention to two of them.

The first problem is that it is administered by the television industry itself. If the goal is to protect our children from explicit sex, violence, and language content, then the public would be well served by having an independent body overseeing this function. We cannot reasonably expect "the fox to guard the hen house". Whatever ratings system is implemented, it must be administered by those who have the best interests of America's children as their motive. The television industry is incapable of rating the content of their own productions, because profit is their primary motive.

Secondly, a poor ratings standard is worse than no ratings system at all. The current age-based system gives no guidelines concerning the offensive *content* of the shows. If we don't specifically address what is offensive in a given show's *content*, then all we are doing is giving the television programmers a shield to hide behind when consumers are offended at what television contains. The age of the viewer is relatively insignificant at this point. Offensive content is offensive content, for adults as well as children. There should be no double-standard.

Instead of the current age-based system, a better plan would be a content-based system administered by individuals who are fully independent of TV production and profits, who have high moral and ethical standards which flow from the Judeo-Christian faith upon which this nation was founded.

Traditionally, parents have been the primary filter for protecting America's youth from inappropriate TV viewing. In view of the relatively weak state of the modern American family, it becomes all the more important for the FCC to implement TV ratings which truly offers *all* viewers protection from the daily bombardment of explicit sex, violence, and language which characterizes much of current television programming.

The best solution is for the television industry to quit broadcasting explicit sex, violence, and language. Until that unlikely event happens, it is up to good and moral people to prevail in this effort of determining what is appropriate for public television viewing.

We urge the FCC to implement content-based ratings, which afford Americans the *most* protection possible.

Sincerely,

*Jay & Bobbie Young*

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Sincerely,

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Dear Secretary,

We are writing to express our displeasure with the age-based TV ratings code. These ratings give no indication of the content of television programs. As parents, we are forced to accept someone else's judgment of the level of violence and sexual content that is acceptable for our children. Since the purpose of TV networks is to make as much money as possible, how can they be trusted to let parents know when the content of their programs is offensive or inappropriate for families and children?

The television industry does not have the best interests of families and children at heart with this system. It is a token only, with no real value. Furthermore, ratings are flashed on the television screen for only a brief moment at the beginnings of programs. This means parents have had no opportunity to study television listings beforehand in order to decide what is appropriate viewing for their children.

Therefore we urge the adoption of a content-based ratings system, a system which would make our job as parents easier, and would prove to us that the television industry is truly concerned about the influence they exert on America's children and families.

Sincerely,

*Steve & Linda Opp*  
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